for raising additional resources for National Highways Development Project (NHDP) Phase-I and Phase-II, which comprises 4/6 laning 14, 279 km. of National Highways. No specific project-wise allocation from the CRF is earmarked. 74339.45 km. length of rural roads works has been completed upto 30-06-2005.

(d) Presumably, Hon'ble Member of Parliament desires to know the steps being taken for increasing the utilization of funds allocated to the States for construction/improvement of State/rural roads. State Governments are regularly requested to increase the pace of the progress of the CRF works and the progress of utilization of funds from CRF is monitored regularly. As regards rural roads, Government has advised the 10 Core States, 2 Hill States and 7 North Eastern States that they can engage consultants for preparation of project proposals, supervision, monitoring, training etc. for expeditious completion of works.

Losses to New Mangalore Port

1242. SHRI K. B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the New Mangalore Port would incur huge loss of revenue once th Kudremukh Iron Ore Company Limited stops mining operations as per Supreme Court decision;

(b) if so, the estimated loss of revenue to New Mangalore port; and

(c) the steps taken if any to make up the loss?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The estimated revenue loss on account of Cargo Related Charges from Kudremukh Iron Ore Company Limited KIOCL) to the Port will be around Rs. 15 crore per annum and on account of Vessel Related Charges will be around Rs. 7 crore per annum.

(c) M/s Kudremukh iron Ore Company Limited (KIOCL) is planning to bring iron ore concentrates from other sources. In addition, KIOCL is also planning to bring iron ore for their plant from Bellary Hospet area.

Utilisation of CRF

1243. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state: